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In re Application of :
Kathleen B. McDermott : DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 10/692,157 : PETITION
Filed: October 22, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 7383-0000022/US :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed June 23, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 22, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of October 21, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on October 22, 2003. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EV311407972US. The "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is October 22, 2003. Additionally, the Express Mail label contains a United States Postal Service (USPS) stamp of October 22, 2003. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to October 22, 2003.

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